Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1.   (Currently Amended) A method of selecting one of a plurality of print settings for printing a current document comprising:

automatically gathering historical document data relating to prior print setting selections;

automatically correlating each prior print setting selection with one or more characteristics of the historical document data, including a user's prior print setting preference; and

automatically comparing the correlated print setting selections to one or more characteristics of the current document to select a print setting from among the plurality of print settings.

2.   (Canceled)

3.   (Currently Amended) The method of printing of claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

automatically determining an amount of text data in the current document; and

automatically adjusting a print setting associated with the current document based on the amount of text data and the user's prior print setting preference.

4.   (Currently Amended) The method of printing of claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

automatically determining an amount of image data in the current document; and

<u>automatically</u> adjusting a print setting associated with the current document based on the amount of image data and the user's prior print setting preferences.

5.   (Currently Amended) A method of selecting one of a plurality of print settings for printing a document comprising:

<u>automatically</u> comparing an amount of text data in the document and an amount of image data in the document with a user's prior print setting preference associated with prior documents having a similar amount of text data and image data; and

<u>automatically</u> selecting a print setting for the document from the plurality of print settings based on the comparison.

6.-7.   (Canceled)

8.   (Currently Amended) A method of selecting one of a plurality of print settings for printing a current document comprising the steps of:

<u>automatically</u> gathering prior document data relating to prior print setting selections including a user's preferred print setting associated with the prior document data;

<u>automatically</u> comparing the prior print setting selections and associated prior data document to at least one characteristic of the current document; <u>and</u>

<u>automatically</u> selecting a print setting for the document based on the comparison.

9.   (Currently Amended) A method of selecting one of a plurality of print settings for printing a current document comprising the steps of:

<u>automatically</u> analyzing a plurality of characteristics relating to document data in the current document, the plurality of characteristics including an input/output protocol, a host device type, an application being used to print the document, a job queue status, ~~and~~ a time of day<u>, and a type of print media being printed</u>;

automatically comparing the plurality of characteristics relating to document data in the current document with a user's prior print setting preference associated with prior documents having similar characteristics; and

automatically selecting a print setting for the current document from the plurality of print settings based on the comparison.

10.-12. (Canceled)

13.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 9, further comprising the step of automatically weighting each of the plurality of characteristics according to at least one factor, including a factor associated with a setting in which the printer is being used.

14.-15. (Canceled)

16.   (Currently Amended) A computer readable medium having instructions for causing a printing device to perform a method, comprising:

automatically gathering historical document data relating to prior print setting selections;

automatically correlating each prior print setting selection with one or more characteristics of the historical document data, including a user's prior print setting preference; and

automatically comparing the correlated print setting selections to one or more characteristics of a current document to select a print setting from among a plurality of print settings.

17.   (Currently Amended) A computer readable medium having instructions for causing a printing device to perform a method, comprising:

automatically analyzing a plurality of characteristics relating to document data in a current document, the plurality of characteristics including an input/output protocol, a host device type, an application being used to print the document, a job queue status, and a time of day, and a type of print media being printed;

automatically comparing the plurality of characteristics relating to document data in the current document with a user's prior print setting preference associated with prior documents having similar characteristics; and

automatically selecting a print setting for the current document from the plurality of print settings based on the comparison.